the investment Component an amount of Rs. 178.74 crores has been released to State since year 2002-03.

Scheme based on traditional power sources

†3048. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh Government has submitted a scheme based on the traditional power sources to the Government regarding electrification of villages situated in 37 far reaching and forest areas in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) by when the same would be given sanction?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Power situation in Assam

3049. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a complete failure of electricity in Assam causing extreme inconvenience to the people;

(b) whether Government are also aware that despite the provision of finances for power generation and distribution, the power situation in the State has remained static without any improvement; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard for improving the power situation in the State?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) The State of Assam experienced energy shortages of 5.4% in 2004-05 as compared to 5.8% in the previous year and a peaking shortage of 5.8% in 2004-05

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

as compared to 14% peak shortage in the previous year. Details of power supply position prevailing in Assam during the last two years is as under:

	Energy (MU)			Peak (MW)	
	2004-05	2003-04		2004-05	2003-04
Requirement	3787	3527	Peak Demand	659	738
Availability	3582	3321	Peak Met	621	635
Shortage	205	206	Shortage	38	103
Shortage (%)	5.4	5.8	Shortage (%)	5.8	14

(a) and (c) Electricity being a concurrent subject, supply and distribution of electricity in a State is within the purview of the State Government/State Power Utility concerned. The Central Government tries to supplement the efforts of State Governments by setting up power plants in the Central Sector through Central Public Sector Undertakings in which States have entitlements. However, following steps are taken to improve the power situation in the State:

(i) 138 MW generating capacity under the State/Private Sector is targeted under the Xth Plan in the State of Assam. In addition, State of Assam will have entitlements in power projects under Central Sector which are likely to be commissioned during the Tenth Plan.

(ii) Under the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) launched by the Government of India for improvement of sub-transmission and distribution system, projects amounting to Rs. 408.54 crores have been sanctioned and Rs. 96.97 crores released to Assam. The Government of Assam has utilized Rs. 39.13 crores as on 01.02.2005. The schemes under APDRP have been taken up by the ASEB in Circles at Dibrugarh, Guwahati-II, Jorhat, Cachhar-I, Sibsagar, Guwahati-I, Nagaon, Rangia, Tezpur, Cachhar-II, Mangaldoi and Kokarajhar.